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IGNATIUS SMALLWOOD HOUSE
Beachville
Private

1890's

This balloon frame house was built in the 1890's in the Gum Landing community of Beachville by Ignatius Smallwood, a black waterman and landowning farmer. Its principal block of three bays with a door centrally placed and flanked by two windows, an A roof and a kitchen on a gable end is identical ^{in design} to most houses in the community built in that era. It had one room downstairs and another upstairs. Descendants of the Smallwoods married children of other families in Gum Landing, helping to create an extended family out of the early community. Raleigh Wilson, the present occupant, has modernized the house and continues to farm the land.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC The Ignatius Smallwood-Raleigh Wilson House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

South side of St. Inigoes Rd., 50 yards west of Jct. of Grayson Rd. and St. Inigoes Rd.

CITY, TOWN

St. Inigoes

☒ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

1

STATE

Md.

COUNTY

St. Mary's

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT

☐ BUILDING(S)

☒ STRUCTURE

☐ SITE

☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC

☒ PRIVATE

☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS

☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED

☐ UNOCCUPIED

☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED

☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED

☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE

☐ COMMERCIAL

☐ EDUCATIONAL

☐ ENTERTAINMENT

☐ GOVERNMENT

☐ INDUSTRIAL

☐ MILITARY

☐ MUSEUM

☐ PARK

☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE

☐ RELIGIOUS

☐ SCIENTIFIC

☐ TRANSPORTATION

☐ OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Raleigh Wilson

Telephone #: Not available

STREET & NUMBER

Star Route (St. Inigoes Rd.)

CITY, TOWN

St. Inigoes

☐ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Md. 20684

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

St. Mary's County Courthouse

Liber #: EBA/6

EBA/15

Folio #: 205

116

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Leonardtown

STATE

Md.

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

None

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION**CONDITION**

☐ EXCELLENT
☒ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This one and a half story house stands at the end of a long drive that winds through cultivated fields. The house is in good condition, and is well maintained by the present owners, the Wilson family. The grounds around the house are especially neat and attractive, and the several outbuildings are freshly painted.

Like other houses in the Beachville community, this house was built as the residence for one of the black watermen/farmers who settled here, after having moved from elsewhere in the county. That person in this case was Ignatius Smallwood. He built his house in similar plan to that of his neighbors -- Christopher Butler and Samuel Carroll-- that is, a one and a half story principal block with a one story kitchen attached to a gable end. Like the other houses, this one is balloon frame.

The house has been extensively modernized in recent years. For example, a long screen porch has been added along the entire facade of the original house, a small room added to the western gable end of the kitchen, and a L attached to the western side of the rear length of the principal block. Raleigh Wilson, the present owner has built several large frame tobacco barns not far from the house. Directly behind the house is the original meathouse, and in front there is still the old well.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

| PERIOD | | AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW | | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING | <input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499 | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION | <input type="checkbox"/> LAW | <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599 | <input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS | <input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE | <input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION | <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799 | <input type="checkbox"/> ART | <input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING | <input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC | <input type="checkbox"/> THEATER | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> 1900- | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS | <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY | <input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) | |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION | | | |

Black History

SPECIFIC DATES 1890's

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Ignatius Smallwood

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

According to George S. Carroll, my local oral informant for the history of the Beachville community, this house was built as the residence for Ignatius Smallwood, one of the black watermen/farmers who settled in this community in the 1890's. The house is representative of the types of houses often built in the turn of the century as the homes for land-owning black families in southern Maryland.

Today the house is the home of Raleigh Wilson, an elderly white farmer, who continues to cultivate the land.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

George W. McDaniel, Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Md. Commission on Afro-American History and Culture

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

20 Dean St.

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis,

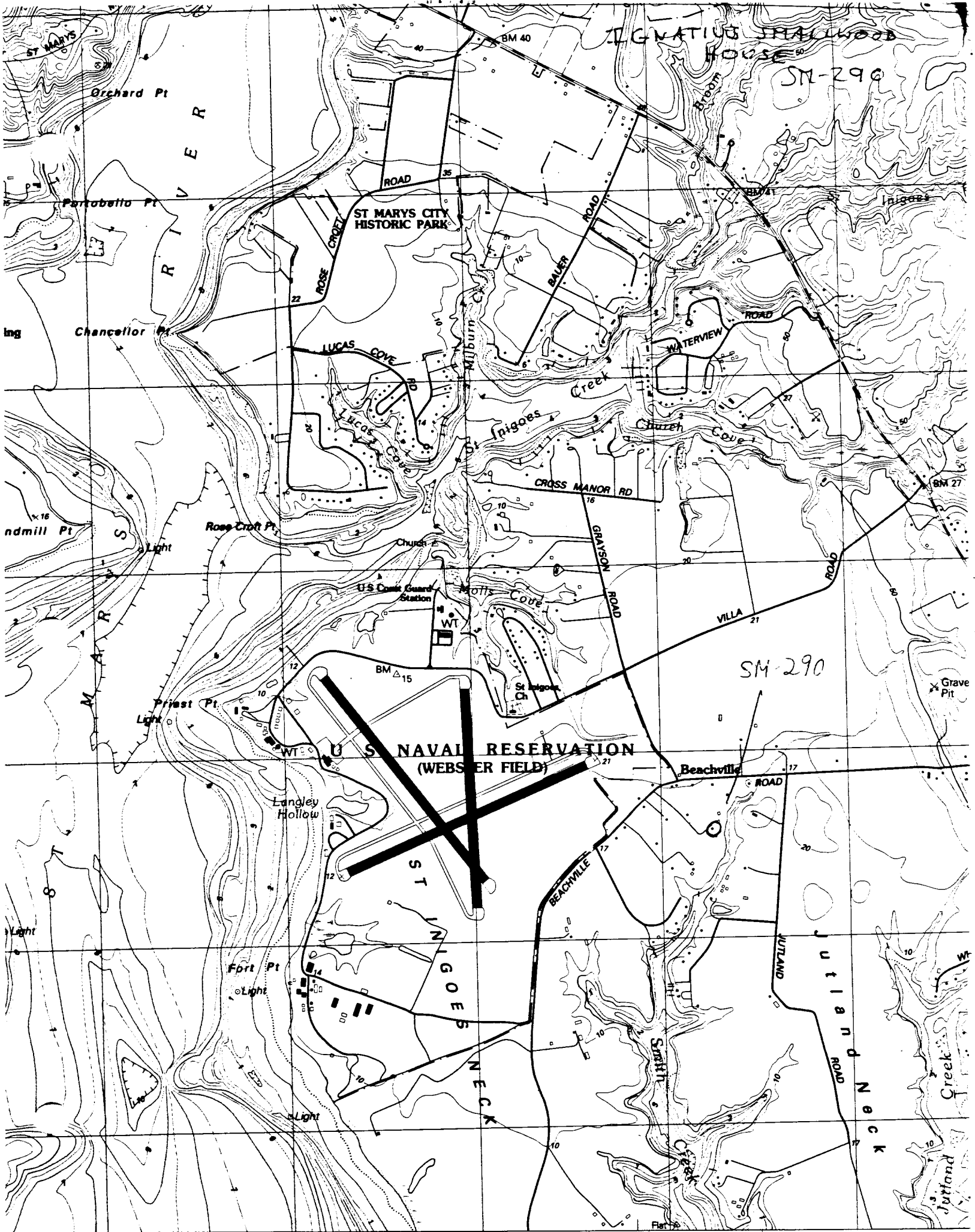
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- WILSON HOUSE

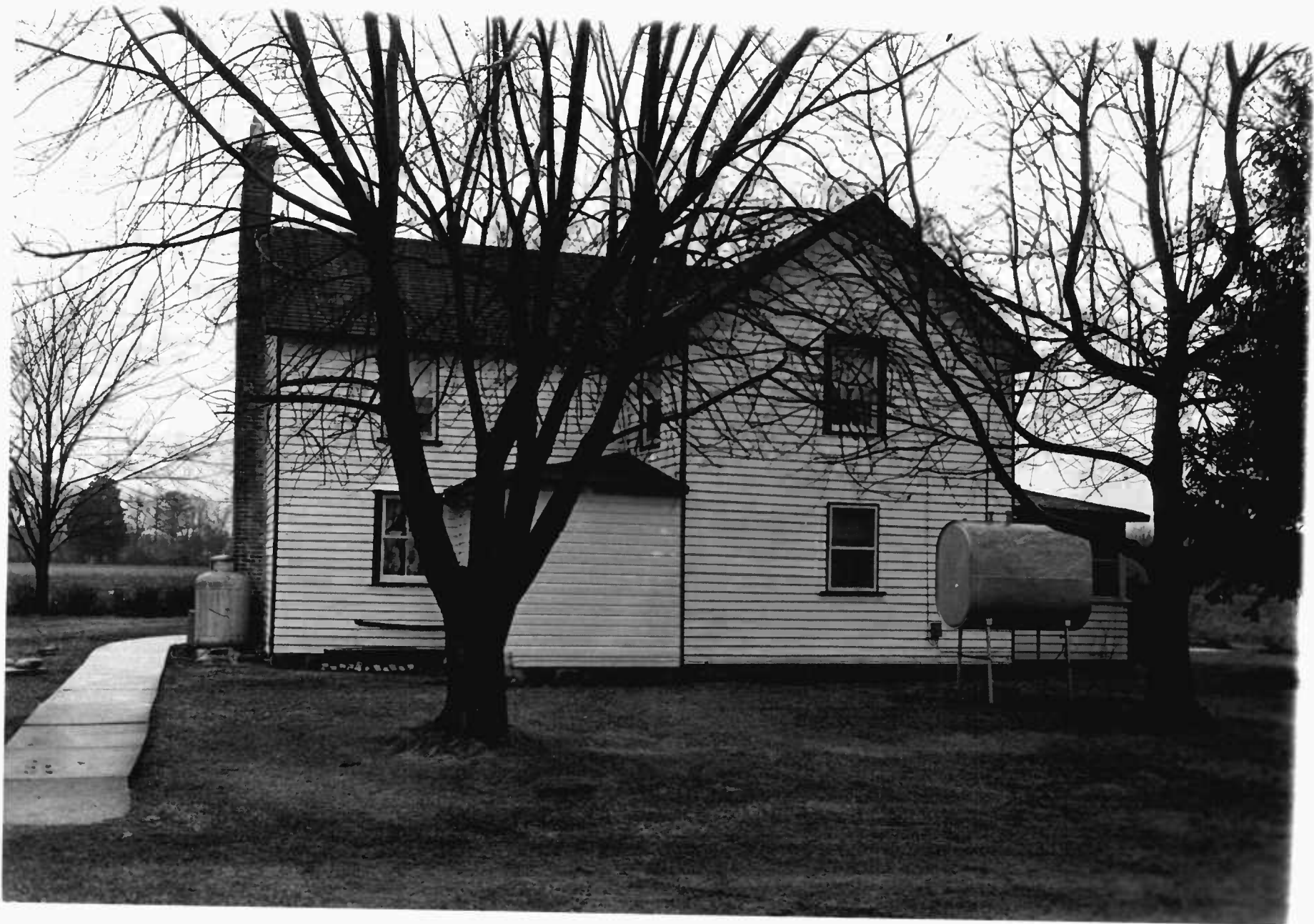
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Wilson House

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BEACHVILLE, MD.

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